THE CENTER FOR PREPAREDNESS

Step 1) Know Your Risks: *Threats*

- Threats are potential events that, should they occur may negatively impact you or your organisation.
- It is important here to differentiate between the actual threat and the cause of the threat. Consider that the threat of 'flooding' may be caused by hurricanes, dam breakage, sewer backups or faulty sprinklers. Here we are only considering events that may disrupt your business.
- Below, check off or enter the threats that you reasonably think may occur to your organisation and impact its operation.

- ☐ Loss of Clientele
- ☐ Communications Failures
- ☐ Crop Loss
- ☐ Equipment Failure / Loss
- ☐ Explosion
- ☐ Extreme Cold
- ☐ Extreme Heat
- ☐ Fire
- ☐ Flooding
- ☐ Hazardous Material Spill
- ☐ High Winds
- ☐ Interrupted Supply Chain
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

- ☐ Labour Disruptions
- ☐ Loss of Access
- ☐ Loss of Fuel / Fuel Shortages
- ☐ Loss of Information / Data
- ☐ Loss of Potable (drinking) Water
- ☐ Loss of Premises
- ☐ Loss of (piped) Water
- ☐ Personnel Issues
- ☐ Power Outages
- ☐ Radiation Exposure
- ☐ Staff Shortages
- ☐ Structural Failure
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

THE CENTER FOR PREPAREDNESS

Step 1) Know Your Risks: *Causes*

- The key to this step is realizing what the direct impact is to your operation. For example "loss of drinking water", however caused, could impact a laboratory by halting experiments, or a food processing plant from performing safety tests. In each example production might be halted until drinking water is restored.
- Below, check off or enter the possible causes that may occur in your area:

- ☐ Hailstorms
- ☐ Hurricanes
- ☐ Tornadoes
- ☐ Ice/Sleet Storms
- ☐ Lightning Storms
- ☐ Snowstorms and Blizzards
- ☐ Forest Fires (Wildfire)
- ☐ Earthquakes
- ☐ Landslides
- ☐ Epidemics / Pandemic
- ☐ Drought
- ☐ Dam Break
- ☐ Sewer Backup
- ☐ Torrential Rain
- ☐ Major Power Failure
- ☐ Water Contamination
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

- ☐ IT (computer)failure
- ☐ Fuel Shortage
- ☐ Pipeline Failure
- ☐ Derailment
- ☐ Highway Accident
- ☐ Air Crash
- ☐ Material Handling
- ☐ Nuclear Accident
- ☐ Civil Disorder
- ☐ Labour Strike
- ☐ Sabotage
- ☐ Special Events
- ☐ Terrorism
- ☐ War
- ☐ International Crises
- ☐ Tsunami
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

THE CENTER FOR PREPAREDNESS

Step 1) Know Your Risks: *Risk Profile*

- Transfer your 'Threats' and 'Causes' from the previous pages into the chart below.
- Under the "Impacts" heading, add in the most significant impacts that may directly affect your organisation if the 'Threat' were to occur. More impacts may become evident when you consider what caused the threat to occur.
- Based on total impacts to you business and the possibility of a threat occurring, rank each threat from very high to very low. When ranking, more weight should be placed on the potential impact as this indicates your true vulnerability.
- Your consideration of the impacts and likelihoods of a disruption occurring is a risk assessment. High impact with high probabilities equals high risk.
- Use this chart to develop preventative strategies – now you know your vulnerabilities, fix the problems.

THREAT	CAUSES	IMPACTS
_____	_____	_____
V High / High / Neutral / Low / V Low	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
V High / High / Neutral / Low / V Low	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
V High / High / Neutral / Low / V Low	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

For multiple 'Threats', print duplicate copies of this page.

To complete the full contingency planning program quickly and easily, visit www.b-readynow.com

B-Ready Now